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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1961

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HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT

HEALTH COMMITTEE 1961-62

Chairman:	Councillor G. W. Sherwood
Vice-Chairman:	Councillor Mrs. E. Shaw
Members:	Councillor P. B. Harness Councillor Mrs. P. Pybus Councillor Mrs. V. D. Sutcliffe

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OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Council and Chief Financial Officer:

ALBERT GIBSON, A.I.M.T.A., F.R.V.A.
The Town Hall, Hornsea.

Medical Officer of Health and Divisional Medical Officer:

WILLIAM FERGUSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Divisional Health Office, Lord Roberts Road, Beverley.

Engineer, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:

JOHN H. D. HOWLETT, A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.Mun.E., M.A.P.H.I.
The Town Hall, Hornsea.

HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1961

To the Chairman and Members of the Hornsea Urban District Council.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health Services of Hornsea Urban District for 1961.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDA

Area of the Urban District, including inland water	3292 acres
Population (estimated mid-1961)	5750
Number of inhabited houses	2178
Rateable value	£78,445
Sum represented by a penny rate	£313
Total number of births	76
Birth rate	14.94
Total number of deaths	93
Death rate	11.48
Deaths of infants under one year of age	2
Infant Mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	26.32
Number of illegitimate births	1
Still birth rate (per 1,000 total births)	73.17

WATER SUPPLY

Water is supplied in bulk from Hull Corporation, and distributed by the Council. The consumption during 1961 was 82,825,000 gallons, an amount equivalent to 38.35 gallons per head of the population.

Approximately 200 feet of 3 inch water main was laid to serve new housing development. Routine samples of water from a number of points in the area have been sent for bacteriological examination, and in each case the samples have proved to be of a satisfactory quality. The quantity of water supplied has been adequate during the year. As far as is known, all houses except one can obtain water from a piped supply; water is supplied to the caravan and camping sites in the District by means of stand pipes.

Negotiations for the re-grouping of water undertakings in the East Riding area have taken place with a view to transferring the responsibility of water supply to another water undertaking.

There are no Public Swimming Baths in the District.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewage is discharged by gravity without treatment into the sea. The surcharging of certain sewers occurs when heavy rain coincides with high tides. During the past 12 months 1,350 feet of new sewers have been constructed by private developers to serve the new housing sites.

The Council received a report from their Consulting Engineer in September, 1960 on the repairs necessary to the existing sewer outfall, and have since requested a further report on the sewerage system and the disposal of sewage from the Urban District. This comprehensive report was received in October, 1961, and further action on the matter is still under consideration.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Details of inspections carried out under the Factories Acts are shown on Page 10 of this report. No defects were found in the sanitary conveniences of these factories, and there are no known outworkers employed in the District.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

There were no important outbreaks of infectious disease in Hornsea.

During the outbreak of poliomyelitis in Hull and District in the Autumn, Type 2 Oral Poliomyelitis vaccine was offered to the Hornsea residents as a means of controlling the spread of infection, and 1,800 residents took advantage of this offer. Since then Oral Poliomyelitis vaccine has been made available to all persons under 40 years of age.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and all Officials for their co-operation and help during the year.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. FERGUSON

Medical Officer of Health

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1961 AND THE TWO PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Estimated Population	Live birth rate per 1,000 population	Still birth rate per 1,000 total births	Death rate per 1,000 population
1961	5,750	14.94	73.17	11.48
1960	5,760	13.4	13.0	16.3
1959	5,670	13.7	0.00	12.7

		Males	Females	Total
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate	34	41	75
	Illegitimate	-	1	1
STILL BIRTHS		3	3	6
DEATHS		38	55	93
INFANT MORTALITY		1	1	2

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1961

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
Leukaemia and aleukaemia	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	2	2	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	9	3	12
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	10	12
Coronary disease	9	11	20
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other heart diseases	3	11	14
Other circulatory diseases	2	2	4
Pneumonia	2	4	6
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	3	7
Accidents	1	2	3
Bronchitis	2	-	2
Congenital malformations	-	1	1
Suicide	-	3	3
	38	55	93

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

Under 1 year of age	-- 2
Between 1 and 5 years of age	- -
Between 6 and 15 years of age	- -
Between 16 and 25 years of age	- -
Between 26 and 45 years of age	- 2
Between 46 and 65 years of age	- 11
66 years of age and over	- 78
TOTAL	93

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

During 1961 the following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65&over	Total
Measles	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	5
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1

Attack rate of Measles, Whooping Cough, Scarlet Fever, and Influenzal Pneumonia (per 1,000 Home Population)

Disease	1959	1960	1961
Measles	4.34	0.00	0.87
Whooping cough	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.17	0.17	0.17
Influenzal pneumonia	0.17	0.00	0.00

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the additions to and removals from the register during the year:-

	Males		Females		
	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Pul.	Non-Pul.	TOTAL
No. of cases on register at 31st December, 1960.	12	-	13	-	25
Cases added to the register:-					
(a) Notified for the first time	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification	-	-	-	-	-
Removed from register on account of death, change of address, etc.	5	-	-	-	5
No. of cases remaining on register at 31st December, 1961.	7	-	13	-	20

IMMUNISATIONS

During the year 1961, the number of children immunised was as follows:-

	0-5 years	5-15 years	Boosters
Diphtheria only	3	3	18
Diphtheria and Whooping Cough	4	-	-
Whooping Cough only	-	1	-
Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus	68	4	8
Tetanus only	-	-	2
Diphtheria and Tetanus	1	-	-

VACCINATION

The number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated was as follows:-

	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	15 & over	Total
Number vaccinated	37	13	3	5	58
Number re-vaccinated	-	2	1	10	13

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC

A Child Welfare Clinic was held weekly at the Catholic Church Hall. The Clinic was well attended by mothers and children from the district.

The number of children who attended the Clinic and the total number of attendances made by them during the year were as follows:-

Number of children who attended during the year and those who were born in:-

1961	1960	1956-59	Total	Attendances	Average per session
65	79	86	1,344		29

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological and biological examinations of milk, water and ice-cream are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Hull.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The conveyance of all cases (including infectious disease) is the responsibility of the County Council as the Local Health Authority.

CLINICS

Tuberculosis - A chest clinic is held monthly at the Cottage Hospital, Hornsea.

Venereal Disease - A clinic is held daily at the Clinic, Mill Street, Hull.

RAINFALL

The total rainfall for the year was 25.83 inches compared with an average of 24.30 inches over the past ten years.

Rain fell on 191 days (206 days in 1960), October being the wettest month with 4.43 inches, and March the driest with 0.80 inch.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The disposal of refuse, particularly during the summer months, continues to present some difficulty owing to the limited capacity of the incinerator.

An application for planning permission to use a site off Hornsea Burton Road as a controlled refuse tip was refused by the Planning Authority, their decision was upheld by the Minister on Appeal, and further investigation into the problem will now be necessary.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

	Inspections
Drainage Works	97
Dwelling-houses	79
Food Premises (including slaughterhouses)	381
Moveable Dwellings	22
Rodent Control	227
Water Supplies	19

CAMPING SITES

Number of sites in the area used for camping purposes	11
Number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority	9
Estimated number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer months	2800
Estimated number of caravans, sheds, etc., which were used as permanent dwellings in the area	30

During the year consideration has been given to licensing caravan sites under the Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960. Caravan sites both to the north and south of the town are shown in the County Development Plan as areas for comprehensive development, and appeals for some sites are pending on planning conditions which have been imposed by the Planning Authority. It appears likely, therefore, that it will be some time before the necessary improvements on these sites will be commenced.

MEAT INSPECTIONS

In accordance with the requirements of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, the two slaughterhouses in the town had to be brought up to prescribed standards by 1st October, 1961, and the necessary works at both premises have been completed.

The Government continues to pay a grant towards the cost of inspecting meat for consumption outside the district.

A summary of the inspection of the animals slaughtered for human consumption is given overleaf:-

	Cattle exc.Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. reported) No. inspected)	104	12	15	161	10,795
All diseases except T.B. & Cysticercus Bovis. Whole carcasses condemned	0	1	1	5	23
Carcasses of which part or organ is condemned	13	6	11	2	1100
T.B. Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which part or organ is condemned	-	-	-	-	455
Cysticercus Bovis	2	-	-	-	-

Total number inspected - 11,087

FOOD PREMISES

The contract for extensions to the Floral Hall Cafe and improvement and modernisation of the kitchens was completed during the year, and it is felt that the premises are now up to the standard necessary for an establishment of this nature.

During the year the following inspections have been made:-

	No. in District	No. of Inspections
(1) Bakehouses	7	12
Butcher	8	25
Cafes, Restaurants & Kiosks	35	69
Fish Shops, Wet and Fried	6	14
Grocers	23	32
Licensed Premises	10	15
Sweets	10	18
Slaughterhouses	2	196

(2) No. of food premises registered under Section 16, Foods and Drugs Act, 1955.
The sale, or the manufacture for the purposes of sale, of ice-cream, or the storage of ice-cream intended for sale 37
The preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food intended for sale 0

(3) No. of inspections of registered food premises 39

RODENT CONTROL

During the year, 38 premises have been treated for rats. Details of treatments and the visits made for this purpose are given below:-

	No. treated	Visits made
Council Premises (not including Council Houses)	3	18
Dwelling-houses (including Council Houses)	29	183
Business Premises (not owned by the Council)	6	26

A comprehensive rodent control treatment was carried out on the sewerage system during the year with the advice and guidance of technical officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, and very satisfactory results were obtained.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 25

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 57

(2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation 4

(3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 20

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers . . 7

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(a) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners 1

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

(b) Proceedings under Sections 16, 23 and 42 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 2

(3) Number of dwelling-houses included in Clearance Areas 4

(4) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance Area 0

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of: Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	28	35	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	1	3	NIL	NIL
Total	30	40	NIL	NIL

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	None		None	None	None
Overcrowding (S.2)	None		None	None	None
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	None		None	None	None
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	None		None	None	None

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110				Section 111	
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1)(c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served	Prose-cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel Making etc. Cleaning and washing.	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil